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ATTN: SCIENCE OFFICER

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SUBJ: US USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: MARINE MAMMALS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING FROM DR. R.V. MILLER, CHAIRMAN, U.S. SIDE OF MARINE MAMMAL PROJECT TO DR. V.A. ZEMSKY, VNIRO, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS, 17 V. KRASNOSELSKAYA, MOSCOW, B-140, WITH COPY OF KUVSHINNIKOV AT HYDROMET.

2. DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:

WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT 1-WEEK MEETING OF PROJECT SPECIALISTS IN LENNINGRAD BE HELD DURING THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF JUNE. THESE DATES WOULD BE BEST FOR U.S. SCIENTISTS. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST THAT IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO POSTPONE THE WALRUS MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE MEETING OF PROJECT SPECIALISTS. MOST U.S. WALRUS SCIENTISTS

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WILL BE IN FIELD DURING MAY AND JUNE AND WE EXPECT SOVIET WALRUS

SCIENTISTS MAY BE IN THE FIELD ALSO. WOULD A SEPARATE MEETING MEETING OF WALRUS SCIENTISTS IN THE LATE FALL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE? U.S. SCIENTISTS FEEL A SEPARATE MEETING WOULD RESULT IN THE BEST PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN SCIENTISTS.

3. THE U.S. SIDE ACCEPTS THE KIND INVITATION FOR TWO U.S. SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOVIET SHIPBOARD WALRUS SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1975. U.S. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE IDENTIFIED AT THE MEETING OF PROJECT SPECIALISTS. WE REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TIME AND DURATION OF THE SURVEY. THE AREA TO BE COVERED AND KINDS OF WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

4. THE U.S. SIDE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTS THE SOVIET INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MORPHOLOGICAL AND SYSTEMATIC STUDIES OF THE "ISLAND SEAL" ON THE KOMANDORSKIYE ISLANDS DURING THE SECOND OR THIRD QUARTERS OF 1975. WE REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TIME AND DURATION OF THE RESEARCH PERIOD. U.S. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NAMED AT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING OR EARLIER IF APPROPRIATE.

5. SINCE YOU WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEAL COMMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A SMALL MEETING WITH YOU PREFERABLY DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 12-15 TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE ABOVE AND OTHER MATTERS IN PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF PROJECT SPECIALISTS IN LENINGRAD.

6. WE ARE FINALIZING PLANS FOR THE VISIT OF THE TWO SOVIET PURPOSE SCIENTISTS, DR. SOKOLOV AND MR. KUZMIN TO THE UNITED STATES IN EARLY APRIL. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.
SINCERELY,
R.V. MILLER

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